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Members are authorized to wear brown or black T-shirts, black or brown turtleneck shirts, or white or brown thermal undershirts. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)

News Briefs

Correction

The article “Wing members garner awards” on Page 3 of the Jan. 16 Eifel Times, incorrectly listed Tech. Sgt. James Bitting, 52nd Communications Squadron NCO of the year, as a staff sergeant.

Mobility bag policy

To minimize risk of items getting stolen or lost, wing personnel issued mobility bags from the war readiness section for temporary duty or deployment will return all equipment to building 103 on the first day of return to their duty section. No appointment is necessary. For more information call 452-7115.

Washrack conversion

The 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron washrack operations will be converted to contract as a result of the Office of Management and Budget circular A-76, which began in November. The decision was reached Dec. 11 after comparing the costs of the selected competing contractor Starlight Corporation of Honolulu, Hawaii, with the current operating costs. The Administrative Appeal Process does not apply to direct conversions. Contractor phase-in is scheduled to begin Sunday with the contract becoming operational March 1. The first performance period of the contract is eight months with four option years.

Retraining program

Air Force officials have announced the start of the 2004 fiscal year NCO retraining program. The voluntary phase of the program runs from Thursday through Feb. 23. Members can log on to vMPF to see where they are ranked Air Force wide and which AFSCs will be affected. To apply, send an e-mail to 52mss.classretrain@spangdahlem.af.mil or call Tech. Sgt. Ricky Hunt at 452-4177 to schedule an appointment.

Deployments and legal

To improve legal advice services for the upcoming deployments, the 52nd Fighter Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office suggests the following:

- ♦ Deploying members should take care of legal affairs before reaching the personnel deployment facility line.
- ♦ Know the office hours. Legal assistance with an American Attorney is offered each Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-3 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday from 8-10 a.m. A German legal advisor is available Monday-Thursday from 8-11 a.m. Walk-in hours for notaries or Powers of Attorney are each Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ♦ Blocking out time for unit-wide appointments is possible.

Call the base legal office at 452-6796 for more information or to schedule appointments.

Equal ops

Racial turmoil and sexual harassment created the agency that teaches airmen how to get it, and keep it together.

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Back in the saddle again

Airman 1st Class Jason Goble, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron Aircrew Egress Systems apprentice, and Senior Airman Jacob Bavin, egress systems journeyman, repair an F-16 ejection seat and install a survival kit. The kits are instrumental in keeping pilots safe in the event of an in-flight emergency.

Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle

Hawks soar over Zaragoza

23rd FS practices fire power against Spanish F-18 Hornets in NATO aerial turkey shoot

By 1st Lt. Chris Perkins 23rd Fighter Squadron

ZARAGOZA, Spain -- The 23rd Fighter Squadron has taken its world-class representation of the 52nd Fighter Wing on a traveling road show. The Fightin’ Hawks deployed to Zaragoza, Spain for the past two weeks to train with the Spanish 15th Fighter Wing F-18 Hornets.

SEAD, the Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses, is the Hawks’ primary mission. This deployment gives the 23rd FS the chance to practice things it doesn’t ordinarily get to do, such as dropping bombs and shooting the aircraft guns.

The first week started with an aerial turkey shoot.

“This deployment to Spain gives us a chance to re-hack the basics and do things like drop [dumb] bombs again, something some of my guys haven’t done in two to three years,” said Lt. Col. John Specht, squadron commander.

The unique thing about this turkey shoot is the events are scored on the first two passes in an event. Maj. Gen. Charles Simpson, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Director of Air and Space Operations, accompanied the 23rd FS during its second week in Spain.

“I like the way the Hawks are doing this,” said General Simpson. “Most people have their turkey shoot at the end of a deployment after everybody has had a chance to practice. Not the Hawks, they do it like they’d do it in war. It’s the first pass that counts.”

The results of the turkey shoot aren’t finalized, but so far, it looks like the lieutenants are the strongest competitors. The officers had recently honed their bombs dropping skills during weapons training at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. The turkey shoot events are the 45 high altitude release bomb, 45 high angle dive bomb, 10 low angle high drag from the tacti-

cal pop pattern, and low angle strafe.

Another interesting training opportunity arose when the Spaniards decided that the 23rd FS needed to provide its own range control officers at Bardenas Range. Capts. Tim Curry and Mike Johnston were the two Hawks selected to go through the RCO qualification.

“I’d rather be the one flying the airplane, but it is pretty awesome to watch a Viper [F-16] roll-in with its guns blazing from less than two-thirds of a mile away,” said Captain Curry.

Initially there were some hardware issues with the scoring system on the strafe rag, but once the problem was solved, 52nd Fighter Wing Commander Col. Stephen Mueller found the “sweet spot” and set the standard with a 23-round pass.

The first week also provided some great opportunities to fight against the Hornets in the air-air arena.

“The Viper is the world greatest dog-fighter, but the Hornet is a close second place,” said Capt. Jesse Friedel, 23rd FS weapons officer. “Having this opportunity to get into a full up fight with them is an excellent opportunity to challenge us, and give them great training as well.”

The airspace structure in Spain is a lot different than in Germany. They have something called a soft floor at 11,000 feet, but you can continue to fight a limited fight all the way down to the surface. Having a block of airspace, anything from 23,000-69,000-plus feet, allows the use of creative tactics by the Spaniards that accurately replicate the uncertainties found in modern warfare.

The culmination of the deployment was a NATO large force exercise they refer to as “CAMAO.” The exercise included Spanish aircraft such as the Mirage F-1 and 12th Fighter Wing Hornets from Torrejon, Spain.

The Hawks primary SEAD mission played a major role in the exercise. The 23rd FS made up an integral part of the package providing SEAD support for strikers and close air support for ‘troops’ on the ground. The Hornets from the 15th FW provided air defense close air support. One of the notable lessons learned by the Hawks

was

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# Spangdahlem's Combat Nighthawk flies high

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Steven J. DeFau  
606th Air Control Squadron

Spangdahlem Air Base's Combat Nighthawk program spun up the first week of November to afford company grade officers and senior NCO teams the opportunity to mingle with other organizations.

"The Combat Nighthawk team functions as the 52nd Fighter Wing commander's point of contact for all base functions, activities and contingencies, while on duty," said Senior Master Sgt. Rene Ruiz, 606th Air Control Squadron Modular Systems Flight superintendent who has teamed up with Lt. Col. George Day, 52nd Fighter Wing Plans Office chief to run the wing's Combat Nighthawk program.

"The insight gained through this program provides CGOs and SNCOs a deeper understanding of the 52nd FW's mission and responsibilities. It also helps them see the wing from different perspectives and gives them a greater appreciation for the synergy that exists between the seemingly disparate teams that make up Team Eifel. This, in turn, results in a broadened perspective on operational wing functionality," Sergeant Ruiz said.

The best part of the whole program is that there is very little preparation required. The Combat Nighthawk team reports to the 52nd FW Command Post at 5:45 p.m. for a Combat Nighthawk briefing. They get a binder with information, a reflective belt, a cell phone, a land mobile radio, a base map and a government vehicle.

To ensure a successful mission, the team simply needs a GOV license, appropriate dress for the weather, a notepad and pen, a positive approach, an open mind and plenty of

questions. There are two basic requirements that each team must fulfill: they must visit at least one dormitory and they must eat at the dining facility. The Combat Nighthawk team finishes the evening up with an end-of-shift report.

This program yields big dividends for the individual professional and the entire wing, said Master Sgt. Sheldon Sukut.

"It was an excellent opportunity to get feedback from the people that we might not get to see during the regular duty day," said the 606th Air Control Squadron Radio Communications Center NCOIC. Sergeant Sukut served with Capt. Stephen Griep, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron orthopedic physicians assistant on nighthawk duties.

"I noticed a keen interest from Captain Griep when we visited the nighttime operations," said the master sergeant. **Master Sgt. Lawrence Pearl, 52nd Communications Squadron base systems chief, and Capt. Timmy Higgins, 606th Air Control Squadron plans and exercise chief, try out the table hockey game in Spangdahlem Air Base's Brick House during their Combat Nighthawk shift Dec. 19. Combat Nighthawk provides company-grade officers and senior NCOs the opportunity to see how other base organizations operate after regular-duty hours.**

"As a medical officer and prior enlisted medical technician, he had never been exposed to many of the areas we visited and now has a much better understanding of the operations side of Spangdahlem Air Base."

"We enjoyed seeing the wide range of opportunities available for our single enlisted troops here on the base," said

Capt. Timmy Higgins, 606th Air Control Squadron plans and exercise chief who served Combat Nighthawk duty with

Master Sgt. Lawrence Pearl, 52nd Communications

Squadron base systems chief Dec. 19.

"The state-of-the-art dayrooms in the dormitories and the Brick House provide a great range of free activities and

places for our airmen to get together to socialize without the worry of a DUI or having to travel off base," said Sergeant

Pearl.

With Combat Nighthawk, Team Eifel CGOs and SNCOs are on the cutting edge of leadership training. The program

offers base leaders unique insight to activities they wouldn't

otherwise gain in their normal duty areas, a win-win situation for all.

## 52nd FW Annual Awards Banquet

Feb. 20 at 6 p.m.  
Skelton Memorial  
Fitness Center

Tickets for the 52nd Fighter Wing Annual Awards Banquet are available for purchase through Feb. 10 from unit first sergeants. Menu includes beef tips burgundy with mushrooms or lemon-peppered chicken. Club member cost is \$20 for E-1 through E-4 and \$25 for E-5 and up. Non-member costs are \$21 and \$26.

By Iain Lotan

52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel members were involved in 25 car crashes this past week, three were major. Five airmen were stopped from driving under the influence.

The major crashes were caused by DUI, speed too fast for conditions, for improper braking and following too closely.

The first major crash happened on B-50. An airman first class lost control of the car before slamming into a ditch. The vehicle was disabled. The airman called a friend to take him to the law enforcement desk. Security forces detected alcohol on the airman's breath and conducted sobriety tests. The airman was arrested and charged with a DUI.

The second DUI was stopped on L-39. Lives were saved when Polizei noticed an airman first class driving recklessly near a DUI checkpoint. Polizei administered a portable test and arrested the airman for DUI.

The third DUI occurred on L-39. Lives

## Wing DUI stats

Seven Team Eifel members have been charged for driving under the influence in 2004.

Five were airmen first class and two were senior airmen. Six were apprehended on a Saturday and one was apprehended on a Sunday. All were 26 or younger.

*Don't risk the punishment or the chance of killing someone. Getting caught is inevitable.*

were again saved when Polizei stopped a senior airman at a checkpoint for suspicion of DUI. A portable test determined the airman as DUI.

The fourth DUI was on L-46. Security forces saved lives by pulling over an airman

first class for crossing the centerline several times. The airman failed the tests and was arrested.

The fifth DUI was caught on L-39. Polizei again saved lives by stopping an airman first class at a checkpoint for suspicion of DUI. Polizei administered a portable test and arrested the airman for DUI.

The second major smash-up resulted from braking and following too closely on B-50. The airman lost control of his vehicle and slammed into a ditch, causing disabling damage. Polizei cited the airman for driving with bald summer tires during winter conditions. A pregnant passenger requested medical attention.

The third major smash and crash happened on K-85. A staff sergeant driving too fast for conditions around a corner slid across the highway and slammed into trees. There were no injuries.

There were 22 minor crashes, 10 from speeding, seven from backing, three from inattentive driving, one from following too closely, and one in which another was found at fault.

## Hawks

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that when you are working with a foreign nation host as a team player, prior coordination is a huge factor in the success of the mission.

Maj. Pat McAtee was the point man for the whole operation. He worked the deployment details for the last three months. It is no small event to move more than 230 people halfway across Europe. The major's foresight, including having Hawk pilots in the control

tower to serve as supervisors of flying and having American control officers on the range, prevented problems from becoming anything more than a nuisance.

The work of the Fightin' Hawks is almost done here in Zaragoza. The impacts of the squadron being here will last a lot longer. In just the past few weeks, the Hawks have shown the Spanish air force what it takes to be the best fighter squadron in the world.

23rd Fighter Squadron F-16s prepare to take-off on a training mission from Zaragoza, Spain.

1st Lt. Chris Perkins



**Name:** Shannon Davis  
**Unit:** 52nd Medical Operations Squadron  
**Duty title:** Early intervention speech and language pathologist  
**Hometown:** Norcross, Ga.  
**Years in service:** Two

**Nominee’s contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Dedicated and energetic, Ms. Davis travels the Eifel extensively to provide early intervention services in the homes of children with developmental delays, provides therapy in playgroups for special needs children and travels to Denmark to provide individual therapy to an Embassy dependent. “Professionalism and phenomenal care” are the praises of the parents, said her supervisor Maj. Ane Shull. Ms. Davis goes above and beyond her clinical duties. She helped create the clinic’s file plan, which is now a model for all hospital clinics. She developed a communication system for speech and hearing impaired patients for use in the emergency room. Ms. Davis is also a “wiz” with developing brochures and has created numerous informational flyers, many of which were adopted by other clinics and one that is being used U.S. Air Forces in Europe-wide.

**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** I supervise new SLP graduates for their clinical licensures. I am currently supervising a SLP in Geilenkirchen. I am also researching new trends and therapeutic treatment for children with autism.

*Airman 1st Class Joshua Coleman*  
**Shannon Davis, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron early intervention speech and language pathologist, is this week’s Top Saber Performer.**

**What do you do for fun?** I’m training to run my first marathon, which is taking up much of my free time.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** I like the team of professionals with whom I work and I enjoy the travel opportunities.

**What’s one thing you’d like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** It would be great to see increased job availability for spouses of the many contractors.

Top Saber Performer

*Courtesy photo*  
**Left to right, Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr., Surgeon General of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. ; Staff Sgt. Nader Chebaro, 52nd Dental Squadron assistant; 1st Lt. Dave Roberts, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron physician assistant; Col. James Glaess, 52nd DS commander; and Col. John Lake, 52nd Medical Group commander, accept the GlaxoSmithKline 2003 Circle of Excellence Award in San Antonio, Texas at the Association of Military Surgeons meeting this year.**

Dental in ‘03 circle of excellence for extraordinary GSU support

**By Col. John R. Lake**  
*52nd Medical Group commander*

The 52nd Medical Group’s dental squadron is the most recent recipient of the Glaxo-SmithKline 2003 Circle of Excellence Award in the community outreach category. The group has not only been an outstanding supporter of the 52nd Fighter Wing’s geographically-separated units, but it has also been a pacesetter over the years in meeting GSU healthcare needs.

The innovative program began in 1999, with a mobile dental bus and a four- member dental team that delivers state-of-the-art dental treatment at the doorstep of more than 900 active-duty and family members. The dental bus, the first of its kind in the Air Force, guaranteed Air Force members quality dental care in a convenient environment.

Twice annually, a dentist and three dental technicians drive to the GSU’s to provide care. The team members provide comprehensive dental care, including routine dental examinations,

cleaning and treatments, and patient records review. Additionally, the experience offers independent-duty medical technicians training on preventive dental health, how to stabilize dental emergencies and how to appropriately refer patients to other dental facilities.

Backed by exceptional patient satisfaction and rising needs, the dental team expanded its GSU support to include additional medical services. The 52nd MDG now provides the only Deployable Optometric Team Kit available in the European theater to wing GSUs. Other services extended to the GSUs include physical exams, immunizations, hearing tests, lab tests, basic gynecological checkups and sports physicals.

During the past three years dental bus professionals have examined and treated more than 355 patients. The teamwork and dedication of the men and women in the medical group to provide such support has culminated in the group winning the excellence award.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Medical Group

He’s money! **Senior Airman Daniel Cash** is always flexible and shows intense dedication to the task at hand. **Christine Bright** is the “eagle eye” who reviews quarterly and annual award packages to make sure they get out on time. Lookie here: **Staff Sgt. Andrea Bixler** is the apple of the optometric flight’s eye for boosting squadron morale and doing a great job. Better shape up and salute **Lt. Col. Diane Deyak, Melissa Lindstrom, Tech. Sgt. Edith Fields** and **Staff Sgts. Ernesto Otero** and **Jamar Long**, for the fantastic job they’re doing to implement the new fitness program.

52nd Maintenance Group

Do the “Help Desk Hustle!” **Tech. Sgt. Dan “Disco” Robinson, Staff Sgt. Kenya Holman, Britney Canezaro** and **Jacob Zapata** started a

fully capable office in a building with no communications capabilities. This gave the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General a robust center of operations, earning the Eagle Award. **Imsook Lewis** revitalized the Volkel AB, Netherlands, community with language classes, movies and more for the whole family!

52nd Mission Support Group

She “Chef-Boy-R-Does” it again -- **Airman 1st Class Megan Tyndall** was the driving force behind the Jan. 23 Airman’s Appreciation Dinner. Three heads are better than one for **Staff Sgt. John McDonald**, who brought together personnel, medical and services to produce a “fit” testing program for the wing.

*Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!*

(Compiled by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

IEA Scorecard

Project	Coordinator	Percent complete	Estimated completion
Brick House	Eddy Mentzer	100	Complete
Jet Blast Inn AFN decoder	Tech. Sgt. Sean Applegate	100	Complete
Honor Guard uniforms	Tech. Sgt. Randall Reno	100	Complete
Billeting laptops	Master Sgt. Fred Ayers	100	Complete
Loaner transformers	Gertrude Cochran	100	Complete
Coffee Mill improvements	Capt. Glenn Gresham	100	Complete
Bus shelter improvements	Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith	100	Complete
HAS mezzanine	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	60	Feb. 6
Batting cages	Juergen Stockemer	70	March 31
HAS crew shacks	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	75	Pending
Pavilion improvements	Udo Stuermer	15	June 2004

*(Editor’s note: The “Installation Excellence Award Scorecard” tracks the progress of 52nd Fighter Wing improvements set into motion this past year. Funds for the improvements come from winning the 2002 and 2003 Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence competition at U.S. Air Forces in Europe-level, which is \$500,000 for each win.)*

*Staff Sgt. John Barton*  
**Members of the 52nd Dental Squadron Dental Laboratory Flight make up this week’s Top Saber Team.**

Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 52nd Dental Squadron Dental Laboratory Flight  
**Unit responsibilities:** The flight deals with the design, fabrication and repair of all fixed and removable dental appliances, while helping to maintain the oral health of Department of Defense personnel and their families.  
**Number of members:** Seven  
**Team’s latest contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission:** On a daily basis, the dental lab supports 16 dental officers and 13,700 DoD members. It keeps Team Eifel “dentally” ready for worldwide deployment through near flawless insertion rates and outstanding turn-around times on all dental appliances. They have increased the overall flight’s productivity rate by 25 percent.  
**Team’s other contributions throughout the year:** As a vital part of the Air Force Dental Services, the laboratory has provided two mouth guard clinics for all eligible DOD personnel participating in youth and adult sporting activities. In addition, they expedited the completion of six complex oral restoration cases in support of short-notice deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The lab has provided demonstrations and lectures to local elementary school children to help raise dental health awareness.

At left from left to right, Tech. Sgt. Felix Marin Jr., Master Sgt. Tom Koenig, Capt. Ron Ruppel, and Master Sgt. Marcus Sharpley, 52nd Fighter Wing Military Equal Opportunity advisors look over the day's agenda. MEO's counterpart is 52nd FW Equal Employment Opportunity, which resolves civilian disputes. MEO is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached at 452-6392.

# MEO breaks down barriers with tolerance

Story and photos by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

As the Department of Defense and Spangdahlem Air Base celebrate African-American history and women's history in the coming months, the 52nd Fighter Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office seeks to raise awareness of workplace resolutions and preventative measures that their office provides to all wing members, regardless of race, gender or religion.

The staff agency's inception occurred in the early '70s when Travis Air Force Base, Calif., was perhaps as much riled by the Vietnam War as by the tremendous racial turmoil occurring state-side at the time, said Capt. Ron Ruppel, MEO chief. In May 1971 racial tensions at the West-coast installation reached a crescendo, and an argument over loud music became an all-night melee in the dormitory area.

"Mission capability was jeopardized and the unrest more or less shut the base down for a period of time," added the captain.

The Department of Defense responded with a complete reform of its programs on equal opportunity and mandatory race-relations education for all military personnel. In short MEO is the direct result of DOD demands to diffuse racial tension in the military.

Since then the role of MEO has adapted with the times to develop a variety of mediation techniques to combat most any type of workplace conflict. According to Master Sgt. Marcus Sharpley, 52nd FW MEO superintendent, one significant enhancement to the program is the recognition and control of workplace sexual harassment resulting from recent gender integration across the board.

"The Air Force opened up a lot of jobs to women in the early and mid-'80s," Sergeant Sharpley said. "With this influx of females, we saw lots of new reports of harassment."

"Only a fraction of a percent of Air Force jobs remain male-only," added Master Sgt. Tom Koenig, 52nd FW/MEO NCOIC.

**"As far as I'm concerned, you never take the uniform off. So no matter where you are these rules should apply."**

**-- Capt. Ron Ruppel  
52nd Fighter Wing  
Military Equal Opportunity Office**

Sergeant Koenig asserts that even those positions could be open to both genders some day, which he said reinforces the need to maintain awareness and professionalism among men and women alike.

In terms of military tolerance, Tech. Sgt. Felix Marin, Jr., 52nd FW MEO advisor, outlined what his agency calls "The Big 5" workplace human relations factors: race, color, religion, national origin and sex. He also noted that other factors sometimes fall into either lawful or unlawful discrimination categories, as detailed in the Air Force's policy.

The technical sergeant said, for example, that the Air Force can legally discriminate based on such criteria as age, weight or handicap, as it relates to combat capability.

For issues that are deemed unlawful, Captain Ruppel said MEO has a robust plan to keep heads cool and tension down, whether at work or home.

"As far as I'm concerned, you never take the uniform off," Captain Ruppel said. "So no matter where you are these rules should apply."

Sergeant Marin said tolerance education begins for airmen during the First Term Airman's Course, where new troops participate in a candid discussion about prejudices, perceptions and how to maintain camaraderie in a diverse environment.

Sergeant Sharpley added other counseling avenues include

shop visit mediations both at the wing and geographically-separated units, and preventative classes by request, which are tailored to the needs of commanders and their troops. In addition to these teambuilding sessions, the agency also handles informal assistance and formal complaint clarification.

Captain Ruppel said those who feel they've been the victim of discrimination or simply have an irresolvable conflict can come to the MEO office for one-on-one counseling. The flight chief underscored the message that confidentiality is paramount when filing both on- or off-record complaints.

"In cases where violence is involved, we're obligated to tell the commander, but an individual doesn't have to file a formal complaint to get a non-violent issue worked," Sergeant Sharpley said.

"Through anonymous unit climate assessment tests and the counseling options available to those who feel an injustice has been done, we're able to identify positive and negative factors within commanders' units while trying to solve the problem at the lowest level and protect the potential victim's privacy," the captain said.

While visiting the office in civilian clothes or making anonymous calls are acceptable for those who feel uncertain about their specific situation, Captain Ruppel said the most effective and efficient way more often than not to resolve a conflict is by following the military's rule of thumb: using the chain of command.

Aside from maintaining human relations, the MEO office stays active in advising a number of special observance committees and organizing such recent events as the base's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., luncheon and the civil rights re-enactment memorial march. The office has also supported other observances such as Hispanic heritage month and women's history month.

For more information on individual rights, counseling, or education and awareness programs call 452-6392.

## Under review : Eifel schools consider consolidation options

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Two prevailing themes concerning local Department of Defense Dependent Schools directed the Eifel School Advisory Board's first public meeting Jan. 22:

- ♦ Change will take place.
- ♦ What, when and how that change will take place is still under review.

Parents, students, school officials, teachers and base leaders filled the Spangdahlem Elementary School gymnasium to share their school restructuring ideas and concerns on ways to improve local grade-school education through consolidation. Ideas included additional options

for the growing list ESAB members are compiling for consideration. Concerns ranged from the possibility of the loss of presently funded programs and teaching positions if changes aren't made within the year, to consolidation resulting in classroom overcrowding.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Davis opened the meeting with the reassuring note of both a father of an Eifel-region student and board official.

"We want to hear all opinions so we can make the best decision for our students and teachers," said the ESAB president.

The Kaiserslautern District superintendent continued the note with assurance that changes would not take place too soon.

"I'd like to apologize -- you would have never been involved in this so early," said Dr. Archie Bates. "It's healthy that you're concerned. I, like many, must look to the future and ask, 'What if?' Currently, there are many scenarios and many 'what ifs' to consider."

Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, followed up on Dr. Bates comments by sharing his concerns that school consolidation is necessary to stop the "constant erosion" of Eifel schools programs. The erosion resulting from having students spread out amongst too many schools, has added up to Bitburg Elementary School operating without an assistant principal, and offering some classes only on a half-time basis. SES's lowering

enrollment numbers may result in the loss of its assistant principal and programs in the next school year, shared Audrey Burkel, 52nd Mission Support Squadron Schools Liaison officer, in a talking paper distributed to parents.

"We can't afford to wait too long, but we do need to make the right decision to ensure the best quality education for our children," said Col. Mueller.

The meeting concluded with the assurance that all options are still under consideration and that people should continue submitting their consolidation ideas to school.board@spangdahlem.af.mil or 52msg.dodds@spangdahlem.af.mil.



## Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil).

### LRS spouses group

The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron spouses group meets Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel annex, building 139. Childcare is available. Event features welcome gifts for new members. Call Karen Williams at 06561-670451 for more information.

### Education center news

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron Education Services Center is located in Spangdahlem AB building 192. Call 452-6063 for more information.

- ♦ University of Maryland academic advisor visit takes place March 4 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 452-6637 to make an appointment to discuss academic goals.

- ♦ The cut-off date to participate in the spring Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony is Feb. 27. CCAF must receive all documentation for degree candidate submissions by this date. Students submitted as degree candidates, but aren't listed as graduates on the CCAF non-public Web site, must complete their follow-up actions by March 5. Call Susie Ruppel at 452-6063 for more information.

### Veterinary care

The Veterinary Treatment Facility at Oberweiss is open for appointments Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. Regular office hours are Monday-Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday-Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Call 452-9388 or 06565-61-9388 for details.

### Attention food vendors

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club seeks food vendor applications for the 2004 Eifel Spring Bazaar taking place April 16-18. Only the first 14 signed and paid applications received by March 23 will be accepted. Call Craig Sweeney at 06575-901785 or e-mail [craig.sweeney@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:craig.sweeney@spangdahlem.af.mil).

### SFS spouses group

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron Spouses Group meets Thursday at 7 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 215. Call Mary Marchand at 06561-946479 for details.

### Childfind screenings

Screenings take place Feb. 11 at Bitburg Elementary School. Childfind helps identify children ages 3-5 with developmental delays in cognitive, communication, motor, social and emotional or adaptive skills. Call Tracy Fowl at 452-9215 to schedule an appointment.

### Family support

The following workshops take place at the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center, building 2001. Call 452-9491 for details.

- ♦ Preseparation consultation Monday and Feb. 9 from 8-9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Local employment Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.
- ♦ Federal employment Tuesday from 9-11 a.m.
- ♦ Resume as a marketing tool Tuesday from 3-5 p.m.
- ♦ Parenting class, part one of three, Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- ♦ Cooking club Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.
- ♦ Creative critters Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.
- ♦ Communication skills, part one of six, Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- ♦ Federal resume writing Thursday from 9-11 a.m.

The following workshops take place at the Spangdahlem FSC, building 307.

- ♦ Citizenship class, part one of four, Monday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in building 139.
- ♦ German bills made easy Thursday from 8-9 a.m.
- ♦ Sponsor training Thursday from 10-11 a.m.
- ♦ Basic mutual funds Thursday from 6-8 p.m.
- ♦ Welcome to Germany Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Course II refresher

The next Course II Refresher (26 and under) safety briefing takes place Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB movie theater, building 153. The course is mandatory for personnel 26 and under at their sixth month time on station mark and again at their one-year time on station mark. Call Tech. Sgt. David Scott at 452-7233 for details.

### New shuttle schedule

Updated shuttle schedules are posted in shuttle bus shelters and are also available on the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Web page on the Intranet. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Rick Shaner at 452-6649.

### Tax center opens

The Tax Center offers free income tax return preparation for Team Eifel members Monday. The first week is limited to 1040 EZ filers. All returns will be prepared starting Feb. 9. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Each Monday is reserved for appointments; all other days are for walk-in service. People should bring their Social Security cards, W2 forms, 2002 Income Tax Return forms, Notice of Advance Payment of Child Credit forms, 1099 forms showing interest, dividend income and other forms of income, childcare statements with detailed provider information, and documents showing proof of taxable or deductible income. Call the center at 452-6572 for more information.

### More base news

Read unit specific information on upcoming events, base policy and more in the weekly Base Bulletin on the base Intranet at <http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/Wingsites/Bulletin>.

### AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place each Sunday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Bitburg Annex, building 2015.

### Anti-DUI program volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving seeks Hidden Hero volunteers to drive and operate the dispatch office on weekends. To volunteer, e-mail full name, town or residence and home phone number to [aadd@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:aadd@spangdahlem.af.mil).

### Voting assistance

Wing members can call installation voting representatives for help with voting questions through the 2004 general election. Call Maj. William McAllister at 452-8298 or Master Sgt. Jeff Barr at 452-7410 for more information.

## Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place in Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

### Missed out!

❑ 1st Lt. William Hamilton II and Staff Sgt. Kevin Dustin missed out on pocketing the \$725 Club Eifel membership drawing this past Friday because they weren't in the ECL or Stripes Lounge to win. Tonight's drawing takes place between 6-8 p.m. and is worth \$750.

### Customer's choice

❑ Lunch buffets take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for non-members. Monday offers an Asian Pacific flavor, Tuesday, Mexican; Wednesday, Italian, Thursday is soups, salads, potatoes and omelets and Friday is seafood. M & M's Garage also offers a lunch menu.

### Today

❑ Prime Rib Night in the ballroom from 5-8 p.m. For members, cost is \$9.95 for a medium cut and \$12.95 larger cut. For non-members, cost is \$12.95 and \$15.95.

### Sunday

❑ Breakfast buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.95 for members, \$4 for children ages 6-12. Cost is \$10.95 for non-members, \$5.50 for children. Children 5 and younger eat for free.

### Monday

❑ Bring Your Own Stein Night featuring \$1 mug fill-ups starts at 4 p.m. in the Stripes Lounge. Remember: Don't drink and drive; have a designated driver or take a taxi.

### Tuesday

❑ The lunch buffet is closed due to an official function. M & M's Garage serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Thursday

❑ Mongolian barbecue from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$.45 per ounce for members. Non-members add \$3 to the total cost.

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Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

■DirectLine@spangdahlem.

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■Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126

■To PA in building 23

■Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

January  
Sortie  
Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	410	314	96
A-10	323	280	43

\*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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## First impressions

# Powerful sponsors share information, provide new members hearty welcome

By Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Monk  
22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Hello to everyone in the 52nd Fighter Wing! I'm Chief Monk, NCOIC, 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. I recently arrived from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, and can tell you I'm very happy to be here at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

It's easy to forget how difficult a transfer overseas can be once you've gotten through it. Everyone can probably remember something, though, that could've gone smoother on a permanent change of station -- whether it was their first or tenth. That's why I want to make a pitch for the U.S. Air Force Sponsorship Program.

None of us would be able to satisfactorily perform our duties or function effectively as military members without the training we've received. Some people consider being a sponsor a simple thing; however, it's a very important function and one that requires training to ensure our inbound personnel are fully prepared for what they'll face here when they arrive. That's why first-time sponsors need to complete the required training.greatly reduce their concerns. The training will inform you of many ways to be a better sponsor, so get scheduled and complete it as soon as possible.

“ Even the most independent of people appreciate knowing someone cared enough to meet them when they came in and helped get them to where they were staying that night. ”

Whether you've completed the training or not, contact the person you're sponsoring immediately to let them know you're here to help. People usually have the most questions right after being notified of an assignment and just knowing someone on this side of the world is here for them can

Contact information should be on an allocation notice. Unfortunately, those notices aren't always available. It's a good thing we GIs are pretty good at finding alternate methods of getting things done. If the inbound is coming from tech school, ask your supervisor or section chief to help you get in touch with the school to pass along your contact information to the inbound troop. E-mail is great, but you need to leave your duty phone number and mailing address, too, in case the person doesn't have an e-mail account.

For people coming from another permanent

duty station, e-mail is a great way to make initial contact. Virtually anyone in the Air Force can be found on the global as long as you know their name and where they're assigned. Don't give up if you can't find them on the global. An alternate method is calling the base operator and asking for the base locator to get a duty phone number. As long as you're making an official call, the base operator here can patch you through to any base in the world if you can't find a direct DSN line. You might require a control number and your orderly room should be able to help. Again, ask your supervisor for help if you have problems making contact.

Even the most independent of people appreciate knowing someone cared enough to meet them when they came in and helped get them to where they were staying that night. Continue to provide support at least until the people have sorted out transportation and permanent quarters.

There will always be some stress involved with moving, but you can help relieve some of that stress by being a good sponsor. We need people to arrive with a positive attitude about being here and get quickly settled so they can start contributing to our mission. Remember, you never get a second chance to make a first impression!

## Chief's perspective

# Leadership: It's give and take

By Chief Master Sgt.  
Jeffrey Richardson  
52nd Medical Group

Some might say leadership and authority are the same, go hand in hand, and that leadership warrants authority. Or better yet, leadership and authority must be obtained at the same time for effective management. I beg to differ somewhat in that they are earned at separate levels called the hierarchy of serving.

You see, the hierarchy of serving is not new and basi-

cally says we must serve before we can have the authority to lead. The hierarchy of serving begins with the "will," which is our unique ability to align our intentions with our actions and select our behavior. It's through this proper "will," that we should choose to serve, the verb, which is all about identifying and meeting legitimate needs, not wants, of people we lead.

Meeting the needs of others, often requires us to serve

and even sacrifice at times. Serving and sacrificing for others allows us to build this authority or influence. And usually when we build this authority with people, we have earned the right to be called a leader!

When it's all said and done, effective leadership comes down to identifying and meeting the needs of the people you serve. So, don't forget to serve the right way for leadership.

Remember the three R's ...

## Reduce, Reuse, Recyle

Paper, plastic and metal are all recycleable in Germany. However, these items become trash when food and other waste is placed in the same bag. Don't trash your recycleables -- rinse containers and dispose of food waste in a separate garbage container. For more information, call the base environmental flight at 452-6028.

## Your opinion

# Tell us what you think about the Eifel Times

Spangdahlem Air Base's newspaper, the Eifel Times is the 52nd Fighter Wing the commander's primary communication tool used to reach the local military community.

To ensure the Eifel Times serves the base population to its maximum capability, the 52nd FW Public Affairs Office staff seeks your input. Your honest response to the following questions can help us provide Team Eifel with an information source that truly serves its community.

Please e-mail your response to 52fw.paoffice@spangdahlem.af.mil, fax it to 452-5254 or drop off handwritten responses to the public affairs office, located on the bottom floor of Spangdahlem AB building 23. Please, no calls.

Thank you in advance from the 52nd FW/PA staff!

**1. How often do you read the Eifel Times?** *For example: Weekly, when the cover catches my eye ...*

**2. What section of the Eifel Times do you read most regularly?** *For example: News briefs, crash reports, "Eifel Salutes" ...*

**3. What do you like least about the Eifel Times?** *For example: I don't care for the stories that don't relate specifically to Spangdahlem AB ...*

**4. What would you do to improve the Eifel Times?** *For example: I would like to read articles covering base intramural sports ...*

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated otherwise. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

Bitburg Castle

Today  
*Stuck on You (PG-13)*  
Conjoined twins go to Hollywood and are cast on a television show starring Cher. She’s bummed about being relegated to TV until the show becomes a hit.

Saturday  
*Elf (4 p.m., PG-13)*  
Buddy, a human raised in the North Pole to be an elf, wreaks havoc in New York City while trying to find his place in the world and track down his father.

*The Matrix Revolution (R)*  
As the Machine Army wages devastation on Zion, its citizens mount an aggressive defense. Ultimately, it’s up to Neo to harness the full extent of his powers to end the war.

Sunday  
*Stuck on You*

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday  
*Stuck on You*

Thursday  
*Elf*

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today  
*Looney Tunes: Back in Action (PG)*  
Bobby, Bugs Bunny, Daffy, Tweety, and Taz leave Hollywood to search for Bobby’s father and the mythical Blue Diamond.

*The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King (PG-13)*  
Hobbits Frodo, Sam and Gollum push farther into the land of Mordor to destroy the ring of power. The warrior Aragorn tavel to Minis Tirith to rescue the ancient city from Lord Sauron’s grasp.

Saturday  
*The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*

*Love Actually*

Sunday  
*The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*

Monday  
*Radio*

Tuesday  
*Love Actually (R)*  
Lives and loves collide and mingle on Christmas Eve.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Germany sets sales for winter clearance

Bargain hunting season opens

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

From mid-January through the first week of February, shop owners put winter wares on clearance to make room for new summer stock.

During Germany’s winter clearance sales, shoppers can find clothes, shoes, towels, curtains and carpets at reduced prices. Reductions commonly run between 25 and 50 percent or more.

To find out what’s on sale, shoppers should look at price tags. Only items marked at a reduced price are part of the clearance sale. This is especially important to scoring a true bargain, because today’s manufacturers offer merchandise created for clearance sales, which is usually lower quality. Shoppers can also look for large signs, which commonly hang over store shelves stating, “Schlussverkauf,” meaning “clearance sales.”

Many stores set up “Wuehltische,” or rummage tables, for customers to dig through to find bargains. This is an experience. American customers shouldn’t be surprised to discover excited or aggressive shoppers while scouring the Wuehltische. The tables get a lot of attention and work on a first-come, first-served basis. Some people even use their elbows to bully a position at a table to find what they need.

German stores are typically very crowded throughout the sales season and parking can be limited as well. Most stores open at 10 a.m. and some shoppers arrive early and wait in line to score a bargain.

While the smaller shops in Bitburg and Wittlich stick to the

customary 6 p.m. closing time, many larger stores welcome shoppers until 8 p.m. However, the business world typically shuts its doors Saturday at 4 p.m.

For a less stressful shopping experience, people can opt to take the train to larger cities, such as Trier or Cologne, rather than driving a vehicle. The closest train stations to the base are in Erdorf and Speicher. Call the Trier main train station at 0651-19419 for travel information in English.

File photo by Iris Reiff  
Local shoppers search for bargains in a sock bin marked “Preiszeit” or “price cut” during winter clearance sales.

Customers have rights to quality goods, German laws outline item return options

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Whether customers seek new summer clothes, a bigger TV or the latest CD, a shopping dream can turn into a nightmare when the seams unravel, the TV won’t turn on or the CD skips a beat.

Production mistakes can’t be eliminated, but like in the United States, customers don’t have to settle for damaged goods. According to German law, the merchant is responsible for damaged goods.

Regarding damaged goods, customers have three options:

♦ Customers can return the defective goods for a full refund. Some merchants offer vouchers applicable for other in-

store purchases. However, customers should keep in mind that items must be returned with the receipts in three to eight days after the purchase.

♦ Customers may keep the defective products and ask for price reductions, which is a good alternative for products discovered with minor blemishes. Customers should take the items to the store with the receipts, show the blemishes to the merchants and request discounts. Customers don’t have much influence on the reduction amount. It’s a matter of negotiation.

♦ Customers can exchange the product for an undamaged one equal in value.

Merchants also have rights regarding damaged products. They may choose to

repair defective products free of charge to the customers. Repairs often mean that customers have to do without the item for some time. In some cases, merchants offer temporary replacements for the duration of the repairs.

If products remain defective after repairs, customers are faced with returning the items for full refunds, asking for a price reductions or exchanging them.

During clearance sale, product warranties on electrical equipment may not apply. Customers should fully understand store return policies and warranty rights before making such purchases.

In any case, people should be able to find a good bargain armed with the facts on customer rights in Germany.

Out and About

(Editor's note: Events dates and times are subject to change. To confirm details, call 11833 and ask for the number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Call the TV-Presse Center at 0651-7199-996 to reserve tickets for the following events, unless otherwise specified.)

♦ Flea markets take place Sunday at the Piesport Moseltal hall, on Trier-West Hornstrasse, on Zweibruecken Schlossplatz, at the Kaiserlautern Messeplatz and at the Saar-Bazar parking lot and parking house.

♦ The Eifelverein Ortsgruppe Speicher marching association offers volksmarches March 14 through the Naurath, Forst Foehren and Foehrenbach area; March 28 from Eisenschmitt to Korneshuette and April

12 through the Speicher, Schaalfelder Hof area. For more information, call Klaus Thiel at 06562-2119.

♦ "Mr. Briefcase" plays jazz Tuesday at Club Walderdorff in Trier, located across from the Dom cathedral.

♦ Lord of the Dance shows Feb. 28 in Trier Arena.

♦ "Magic Dream Boys" a men's dance revue shows Feb. 20 in the Saarburg Tenne cafe.

♦ Blues Company performs in concert March 27 in Freudenburg Ducaal.

♦ The Berlin Chagall-Quartett performs classical chamber music Feb. 29 in Konz-Karthaus Cloister.

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Call the 52nd Services Squadron Information, Tickets and Tours Office at

452-6567 to reserve tickets for the following tours. Children’s prices are for ages 3-12. Customers should reserve tickets at least two weeks in advance.

♦ Venice for Carnevale, Feb. 20-21. Cost is \$110.

♦ Strasbourg express, Feb. 21. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$40 for children.

♦ Karlsbad crystal shopping and Czech Republic flea market express, Feb. 27-28. Cost is \$59 per seat.

♦ Berlin payless tour, Feb. 27-28. Cost is \$65.

♦ Florence express, March 5-6. Cost is \$119 for adults, \$114 for children.

♦ Poland shopping express, March 5-6. Cost is \$69 per seat.



# Ladies win three against Vilseck, Barons drop four

## Lady Barons

Unfortunately, the Bitburg High School varsity basketball team took a split, Friday 52-45 and Saturday 25-37.

The team played a quick transition game in the first half, scoring a 25-16 half time lead. Nadia Parker scored 10 of her game high 17 points in the third quarter as the Barons outscored the Falcons 20-8 to take a 45-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Vilseck Falcons didn’t give up and pressed all over the court. Injuries to Parker and Carletta Hernandez resulted in two less players. Before her fall, Hernandez added 13 points offensively and pulled down eight rebounds. Senior Chelsea Gavagan continued shooting well from outside, hitting nine points and providing a balanced scoring attack. Hustling guards Erica Winters and Melodie Duperval each added six and five points.

Saturday the Lady Barons trailed the Falcons 10-6 at the end of the first quarter. At the start of the second quarter, Parker picked up a fourth foul and was out the rest of the half.

The Falcons continued its pressing defense and the ladies continued to make many turnovers into the second half. Despite the setbacks, Andrea Drake, Jazmine Winn, Monica and Alexandra Bintz did great filling in for the injured.

## Junior varsity play

The junior varsity team posted its season record to eight wins and zero losses with 28-19 and 31-19 victories over Vilseck this

**Next up in BHS basketball**  
Barons vs. Black Forest Academy  
in the Bitburg Middle School gymnasium

**Friday**  
Lady Barons JV at 4 p.m., Barons JV at 5:30 p.m., LB varsity at 7 p.m., Barons varsity at 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday**  
LB JV at 10 a.m., Barons JV at 11:30 a.m., LB varsity at 1 p.m., Barons varsity at 2:30 p.m.

past weekend. Under the direction of coach Richard Carr, the ladies demonstrated a sparkling team defense by holding their opponents to less than 20 points.

The team’s offensive proved strong. Freshman Rebecca Wepner shot well from outside as she led the team offensively, hitting 22 points in the two games. Winn and both Bintz’ each contributed 11, nine and eight points respectively. Winn and freshman Daniya Nixon led the team with steals earning six each. (Contributed by Coach Denny Lemmon, BHS basketball)

## Barons

Starting flat Friday made the Barons all the more determined to win. The team scored only seven points against Vilseck in the first quarter, which got the Barons’ fire burning.

The “K Squad” did their thing by rallying the Barons defensively and closing the point gap. The varsity team entered the forth quarter with Junior Trey Wilson hitting two threes, sparking the Barons to provide its best quarter performance of the year.

Team captain Alyx Walks nailed two more threes. Ryan Dumas hit his first cut off the shuffle offense and a foul led to another Baron three-point play. Leading the Barons was senior Anthony Fornicola with 14, Walks, 11 and Wilson adding nine.

*Vilseck varsity vs. Barons, 48-46*  
*Vilseck JV vs. Barons, 40-39 overtime game*  
*Lead scorers: Nick Brown, 12; Brandon Morales, 8; Bobby Hernandez, 7*

The Barons started flat again Saturday, managing only seven points in the first quarter. The Barons couldn’t get out of its slump. Wilson led the team points with 10 and Walks with nine. Freshman Nick Brown led with eight rebounds.

*Vilseck varsity vs. Bitburg, 70-44*  
*Vilseck JV vs. Bitburg, 32-29*  
*Lead scorers: Morales, 9; Brown, 6*  
(Contributed by Coach Lin Hairstone, BHS basketball)

Sports Shorts

Submit "Sports Shorts" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.

## Intramural sports news

Spangdahlem AB intramural teams represent their unit teams and consist of squadron members. Games and events take place at the base fitness center, unless specified otherwise. Call Mandy Baerman, 52nd Services Squadron sports director, at 452-6634 for more information.

♦ Racquetball season begins Feb. 10. Due dates for Letters of Intent to participate on a team vary. Call unit sports representatives for details.

♦ Volleyball season begins March 2. Games take place each Tuesday and Thursday night throughout the season. Letters of Intent must be submitted.

♦ Indoor soccer season begins March 3. Games take place each Monday and Wednesday night throughout the season. Letters of Intent must be submitted.

**Basketball**  
Jan. 20 scores: CES vs. 606 ACS, 60-40; SFS-A vs. MDG, 55-45; EMS-A vs. COM, 52-49; CMS vs. LRS, 58-52  
Over-30 Jan. 20 game: CE vs. OSS, 69-59  
Jan. 21: EMS-B vs. SFS, 53-42; OSS vs. CES-B, 40-30; GK vs. MOS, 39-31; GK vs. 852 MUNSS, 49-39  
Jan. 26: EMS-B vs. MOS, 47-46; OSS vs. CES-B, 63-60; 852 MUNSS vs. EMS-B, 36-32; SVS vs. SFS-B, 60-30

## Superbowl parties

♦ The Army and Air Force Exchange party takes place Saturday from 1-6 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB BXtra. Event features prizes for the wackiest fan and armchair quarterback, and giveaways.

♦ The Spangdahlem AB Skyline Theater party takes place Saturday at midnight. Event features a pre-game and game showing on the movie screen, and refreshments for purchase.

## Volksmarching

The Eifel Wanderers walk through historic Rothenburg Feb. 28. Trasportation departs Bitburg Annex at 3 a.m. and Spangdahlem AB

*Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey*

**Tough break**  
**Above, Anthony Messina, Barons middle-weight wrestler, overpowers Chris Williams of Geissen during the Department of Defense Dependent Schools wrestling tournament Saturday in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. The Bitburg High School senior won the match 20-10. Left, Ramstein High School Senior Danny Burns, left, goes head-to-head against BHS Junior David Villanova. Burns won the match in 2 minutes, 21 seconds. Overall, BHS took second place to Ramstein, 258.5-188. Wrestlers who won first place in their weight categories are Daniel Brunal, 103 pounds; John Coker, 125; Devon Gardner, 130; and Jordon Watts, 171. The next home match is the DoDDS-Europe Divisional taking place Feb. 7.**

at 3:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 for adult members, \$15 for children. Cost for non-members is \$40 for adults, \$25 for children. Registration deadline is Feb. 13. E-mail Ann Williamson at amill-will@ yahoo.com to reserve seats.

## Wall climbing classes

Free belay certification classes take place each Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the base fitness center. Call 452-6496 for more information.

## Varsity soccer

A meeting on the upcoming men’s varsity soccer season takes place Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Eifel Mountain golf course. Varsity teams represent the base and consist of wing members.

## Powerlifting event canceled

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Powerlifting Meet slated to take place in the base fitness

center is cancelled. The event may be rescheduled.

## Gymnasium closed

The base fitness center gymnasium is closed Feb. 14-16 and 18-21 for scheduled functions. Conflicting intramural basketball games dates are rescheduled for Feb. 23.

## Golf course hours

Eifel Mountain Golf Course is open for play Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call the Pro Shop at 452-6821 for more information.

## ODR trips and classes

Register for the following 52nd Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation trips and classes by visiting the center in Spangdahlem AB building 146. For more information, call 452-7176.

- ♦ Intro to SCUBA, Feb. 11. Cost is \$35.
- ♦ Black Forest ski trip, Feb 13-15. Cost is \$250 for a double room.
- ♦ Swiss ski trip, Feb. 27-29. Cost is \$265 for a dorm room, \$340 for a double room.

## Keeping fit

The health pamphlet, “Managing Weight: A Sensible Approach to a Healthier Body,” offers the following suggestions to keep bodyweight under control:

- ♦ Eat more small meals, rather than a few large ones.
- ♦ Try some vegetarian meals each week.
- ♦ Eat more whole grains.
- ♦ Steam, broil or bake foods, rather than frying.
- ♦ Drink at least eight glasses of water daily.

For more nutrition information, visit the 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Health and Wellness Center in Spangdahlem AB building 130 or call 452-9355.























